

Northern Alberta Pioneers AND Old Timers Association



OLD FORT EDMONTON

CATALOGUE

RELICS BUILDING, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

We sincerely trust that your visit to this old building will be entertaining and educational. We have gathered here many old relics secured from here, there and everywhere. To many of our citizens of today these relics do not mean very much, but to the Pioneers who rolled back the Western Frontiers, that you and I might see and have as our own this glorious Western land; rich in beauty, mineral wealth and a health-producing climate, it meant the land of their choice.

Herein we have tried to give you a meagre insight into these articles we cherish highly.

PLEASE DO NOT HANDLE, DESTROY OR TAKE AWAY ANY OF THESE ARTICLES AS OTHERS MAY WANT TO SEE THEM AND ENJOY THEIR HISTORICAL VALUE AS WELL AS YOU.

"THE CABIN"

Built by the willing hands of Old Pioneers
Many of whom have long since passed away..

" And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, sayeth the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them "

Rev.14;13:

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5 - Handbooks in 1904 in Economics - a
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8 - Course Stone California for High Schools Co.
9 - Montgomery's California Almanac & City Directo
10 - Series to 1905 - S.W.W.B. Long Series - GI
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- 57 - Joe McDonald
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- 66 - Mayor of Edmonton, 1906
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- 69 - Business office of Hudson Bay Co. Edmonton

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- 73 - Lieut. Gov. Bulyea, Lord Strathcona and Premier Rutherford
- 74 - Indian Teepee and Paposes
- 75 - Arch with evergreens and bunting
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- 78 - Procession Edmonton
- 79 - Large Ox Yoke
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- 85 - Alex Blais - 1852
- 86 - Pilgrimage
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- 88 - Edmonton from top of New School 1902
- 89 - Rev. Fathers Grandin; Lacombe; Legal and Leduc
- 90 - Oil Tanks
- 91 - Silver Casket presented to J.A.McDougall by the Citizens of Edmonton
- 92 - Boat crews - Fort Smith Rapids

- 93 - Cook Camp - Fort Smith Rapids
- 94 - Edmonton, 1890
- 95 - Indian Boats - Fort Resolution
- 96 - Unloading Boats - Grand Rapids
- 97 - Great Slave Lake at Fort Resolution
- 98 - Edmonton Cricket Club - 1905
- 99 - Pioneers od Edmonton, Nov. 4th, 1891
- 100 - Rapids on Slve River, 3rd Portage
- 101 - Auto Races Edmonton Exhibition - 1906
- 102 - Lieut. Gov. Bulyeas' reception to
Lord Strathcona 1909
- 103 - Sixteen Pioneers
- 104 - Indian Hunters (don. J. D. Nicholson)
- 105 - Edmonton's 3rd Mayor, Commissioners
and Council
- 106 - Pencil drawing - N.W.M.P. - 1903 - 1904
- 107 - Liberal Club Baseball team
- 108 - Edmonton Fire Brigade Band - 1891
- 109 - Walking stick made of Diamond Willow
- 110 - Buffalo Horns
- 111 - Very Old Iron Pistol
- 112 - Small Ox Yoke (don. by Will Craig)
- 113 - Walking Stick made of Diamond Willow
- 114 - Edmonton's first Mail Box
- 115 - Smokers Stand made from Knotty Spruce
(made and donated by James Hay)

- 116 - Early type Gramophone
- 117 - Dear Head (dehorned)
- 118 - Totem Pole replica
- 119 - Candle Lantern
- 120 - Grain Flail used in the very early days
- 121 - Stump cut Beaver (Dolly Varden Creek)
- 122 - Ox Yoke (don. by A. Gaetz)
- 123 - Poker Table used in the first hotel
(Edmonton) west of Winnipeg.
(don. by Donald Ross)
Built by Donald Ross Sr. at the foot
of Present McDougall Hill.
- 124 - Old Side Saddle
- 125 - Large Moose Head
- 126 - Trekking on the Athabasca River
- 127 - Late Norman Jackson
- 128 - Indian Head - "Chief Red Shirt"
- 129 - Edmonton July 1st., 1901
- 130 - Five uniformed N. W. M. P.
- 131 - Montreal Garrison Artillery, Regina 1885
(don by J.J.Gardiner)
- 132 - Montreal Garrison Artillery, Regina 1885
- 133 - C. & E. Passenger train no 393
- 134 - Highlander in front of Fort Edmonton
- 135 - Mounted Police at Edmonton
- 136 - Directors Edmonton's Light & Power co.
1902.

137 - Fancy Work by Mrs Donald Ross; won first prize at Edmonton's first Exhibition 1879

138 - Lieut. Gov. Bulyea; Lord Strathcona and Premier Rutherford

139 - Malcolm Groat

140 - Jack Foley

141 - Sam Livingstone

142 - Indian Head "Chief Louison"

143 - Buffalo (don by A.S.Duclos)

144 - Indian Trappers

145 - Alberta & Great Waterways outfit 1909

146 - The Doctor (don by Mrs Robt Broder)

147 - Roman Catholic Bishop

148 - Ross Brothers Hardware Store

149 - Jasper Ave., Edmonton

150 - Old Timers who attended Edmonton Fair
1879 - 1880 - 1881

151 - Late Norman Jackson

152 - Pioneers Edmonton, Nov. 4th, 1891

153 - Bill West; K.A.McLeod and C.C.Batson 1926

154 - Nine Old Timers

155 - Hislop & Nagles Trading Post Ft Resolution

156 - Lieut. Gov. Bulyea's reception to Lord Strathcona 1909

157 - Inauguration of Alberta as a Province '05

158 - Howard Douglas Secretary 1926 to 1929

159 - Bishop H. A. Gray

160 - Group of Old Timers

161 - First Sod turned for erection of Statue of Hon. Frank Oliver

162 - Jas. Sutherland; Howard Douglas and Col Jas Walker 1928

163 - Old Timers outside of Alberta Hotel

164 - Last Mayor and Council of Town of Edmonton, 1906

165 - Hudson Bay Co. Fort & Parliament Bldgs

166 - Cricket Team

167 - Ladies Side Saddle believed to be over 80 years old (Don Mrs Todd, Horse Hills)

168 - Caste of "Our Regiment" 1897

169 - Horn from an early make of Automobile

170 - Stock Parade Edmonton Fair

171 - Loading Boats at Grand Rapids Athabasca River

172 - Bucking Horse

173 - Unloading Boats at Grand Rapids Athabasca River

174 - Mounted Police firing canon

175 - Presidents Society Ste Jean Baptiste 1894 - 1907

176 - Hislop & Nagles Trading Post Ft. Resolution

177 - Powder Horn

178 - White and Indian Riders

179 - Rev. Dr. D. G. McQueens' first Kitchen Chair

129 - Bilingual - 981

130 - Bilingual - 981

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132 - Bilingual - 981

133 - Bilingual - 981

134 - Bilingual - 981

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- 180 - Old Canon used at Fort Edmonton
- 181 - Habitante Sash
- 182 - Arm Chair made of Rustic Birch
- 183 - Arm Chair with raw hide seat
- 184 - Early Automobile horn
- 185 - Buffalo Horns
- 186 - Very Old Safe believed to have been used
at Old Fort Edmonton
- 187 - Jumping Deer Head (don. by J.J.Watson)
- 188 - Bullet Mould & Powder Flask
(don. by Donald Ross)
- 189 - Roman Catholic Mission (Lac La Bische)
- 190 - Reapers Scythe with cradle
- 191 - Small canon ball
- 192 - Large Canon Ball
- 193 - Dr. W. M. McKay
- 194 - Old Organ, first organ brought in by
Church of England (don. Cockson Family
Tofield)
- 195 - Indian Cup from the Island of Death
Slave Lake
- 196 - Pemican, found at West Salisbury, over
70 years old (don. Richard Hulbert)
- 197 - Old Leather Belly Stage Coach - operated
between Calgary & McLeod in early '80s
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- 201 - Donald Ross Sr.
- 202 - Mrs Donald Ross Sr.
- 203 - Smoking Stand (don by James Hay)
- 204 - Jasper Ave., Edmonton 1890
- 205 - Old Man with Cart & Horse
- 206 - Hudson Bay Co's Officials in front of Big House
- 207 - Edmonton Council 1897
- 208 - Waiting for mail at Post Office 1903
- 209 - Occasion of Consecration of Bishop Breynat 1902
- 210 - Group of Old Timers
- 211 - Group of Old Timers
- 212 - Hislop & Nagle and staff
- 213 - Edmonton Volunteer Fire Brigade 1905
- 214 - Horse and Ox team pulling wagon
(don by T.E.Lord)
- 215 - The Travellers
- 216 - Hon. Frank Oliver
- 217 - Old Timers Luncheon, Macdonald Hotel
May 6th, 1920
- 218 - K. A. McLeod
- 219 - Indian scene colored
- 220 - Indian scene colored
- 221 - "Masterson"
- 222 - Imperial Bank corner, Edmonton
- 223 - Victoria Coach

224 - Schroll to Hon. Frank Oliver, June 23/98

225 - Edmonton Cricket club of the early days

226 - Great Slave Lake from Ft. Resolution

227 - Charles Bremner's Farm, Clover Bar

228 - Yukon Indian Boy, (don Campbell Young)

229 - Group of Old Timers

230 - Tramway at Grand Rapids

231 - Old Timers float 1939

232 - Alberta Farmers Association 1908

233 - Old Fashioned Eight day clock
(don by Jackson Bros, Jewellers Edm't)

234 - Freak Stump (don by Howard Douglas)

235 - Phaeton

236 - Deer Head

237 - Landau

238 - Mountain Sheep Head

239 - Buffal Head

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242 - Gold Washing Pan (don by W. R. West)

243 - Old Rocking Chair

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245 - Moose Head (don by Percy Abbott)

246 - Christmas Card 1900

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899 - Dark Head - SAS
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248 - Fort Walsh

249 - Officers 101st Regiment Edmonton 1914

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251 - Old Timers Association 1885

252 - Klondikers in front of Ross Bros Store

253 - First Train into Edmonton Oct 20 - 1902

254 - Halfway Hotel

255 - Settlers at P.B. Andersons Farm July 24 '19

256 - First Train into Edmonton Oct 20 1902

257 - Early Edmonton

258 - Ed Loobys Blacksmith Shop

259 - Rev. Dr. D. G. McQueen

260 - Candle Mould

261 - Lowest Water in History of Edmonton
Saskatchewan River April 1905; the
Flood August 19, 1899

262 - John Colin Fraser, Grierson St. 1908

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264 - Rev. Dr. D. G. McQueens first study
chair 1887

265 - Old Timers Picnic 1933

266 - Moose Head (don. K. A. McLeod)

267 - Laying Corner Stone All Saints Church
1895

268 - Indian Tom-Tom

269 - Frank Olivers Editorial Chair, Bulletin
1881

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- 270 - Chair made by Donald Ross 1874
- 271 - Indian Snow-shoes (Pair)
- 272 - Single barrel muzzle loading Musket
- 273 - 20 Gage Double barrel muzzle loading Hudson Bay Co shot gun, found on the bank of the Athabasca river, 50 miles above Whitecourt
- 274 - Muzzle loading sho gun, brought to Alberta 1881, (don Mrs Geo Long)
- 275 - Double barrel muzzle loading shot gun
- 276 - Double barrel muzzle loading shot gun
- 277 - Hunting Rifle 1875
- 278 - Early Flint Lock Rifle (don K.A.McLeod)
- 279 - Rifle 1862 and Bayonet #523 (don T.Craig)
- 280 - Snyder Rifle used by K. A. McLeod in 1885 rebellion
- 281 - Musket probable date 1770 (don Mr.Maltby)
- 282 - Muzzle loading Musket (don Mrs J.F. Henderson)
- 283 - Hudson Bay Co trad ball gun; to purchase a gun of this kind in the early days an Indian had to deliver to the Company a pile of furs the full overall height of the gun itself
- 284 - Enfield Rifle 1864, used by W. McKenna in Rebellion of 1885 (don by Mike Hogan)
- 285 - Spencer Rifle (don Wm Sutherland)
- 286 - Single Barrel Enfield - 1872 (don G.McKee)
- 287 - Old Gun ; Known history dates back to 1846, probably much older, issued to James Scott.

of the Irish Constabulary, Belfast by
the British Government. (don by Mrs
Wm. Wray, descendant of Jas Scott,
August 25th, 1927

288 - Enfield Rifle 1834 (don by J.C.C.
Bremner, Clover Bar)

289 - Rifle 1875 used by J.A. Delaney, killed
by Indians 1885 - (don by T.W. Lucas)

290 - Muzzle Loading Musket

291 - Walnut Walking Stick made from the leg
of a table with a jackknife (don. by
Ed. Barnett)

292 - Powder Horn

293 - Gold Drop Wheat, threshed in 1880

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297 - Edmonton Public Hospital

313 - Buffalo

314 - 25 men and a dog - Tom Hourston to
seen in the centre

315 - First Officers North Star Chapter
Royal Arch Masons

316 - Trudel Fur Company

317 - Eskimo Seal Harpoon (don by J. D.
Nicholson)

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320 - Hand made Carpenter Tools - 1820 to 1880
(don. by J.C.Fraser)

325 - Ivory Tusk

328 - Pair of Buffalo Horns

329 - Jennie Laufer Griesbach - First
Edmonton operator

330 - Herd of 5,000 Buffalo, Wainwright Park

331 -

332 -

333 - Owl on Leather

334 - Piece of Ivory

335 - Piece of Ivory

336 - Piece of Fossel

337 - Piece of Fossel

338 - Cannon Ball 1862

339 - Meeting of Old Timers

340 - Commercial Grads on occasion of 25th Ann.

376 - Trial by Jury - March 1905

389 - School Bell

390 Mallet made of Burned wood

460 - Leather Watch Holder

463 - Buffalo Skull with horns

498 - Policemans Billy

- 499 - Early type of Revolver
- 500 - Early type of Pistol
- 501 - Iron Hook - very old
- 502 - Home made grain flail
- 503 - Iron Hand Cuffs
- 504 - Iron Hobbles
- 505 - Iron Tea Kettle (don by Mrs Alex Bonneau)
- 506 - Section of Old Iron Valve
- 507 - High Two Wheel Bicycle (don A. Payzant)
- 508 - Ammunition Box
- 509 - Flag used in North West Rebellion 1870
(don by Dad Miller)
- 510 - Flag used in North West Rebellion 1885
- 511 - Military Cap of 90th Battalion Little
Black Devils of Winnipeg 1898
(don by Jas. P. Sheppard)
- 512 - Model of Carryall used in North
(don by Mrs Margaret MacDonald)
- 513 - Match holder carved from bark
- 514 - Indian ornaments (headgear)
- 515 - Iron Weather Vane (bull)
- 516 - Head of Tomahawk
- 517 - Silver Cup for Old Timers Horseshoe pitch
- 518 - Horse-shoe plate
- 519 - Babische - used by the Indians as thread
- 520 - Horse-shoe plate

521 - Seal Skin

522 - Ladies Side Saddle

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524 - Rifle Bayonet

525 - Old Pistol

526 - Walking Cane freak design
(don by John Wills)

527 - Brass Knuckles

528 - Old Pistol

529 - Old Revolver

530 - Old Pistol

531 - Bullet Mould

532 - Eskimo Muck-lucks

533 - Branding Iron

534 - Powder Horn

535 - Key - Old Fort Edmonton Lock

536 - Smokers pipe

537 - Beaded Buckskin Bag (don Mrs Colin Fraser)

538 - Eskimo Bow

539 - Eskimo Skinning Knife

540 - Bone Spoon

541 - Copy of Agricultural News Early 80s

542 - Indian Stone throw

543 - Lock of Old Fort Edmonton

544 - Bugle

545 - Birch Bark Basket

546 - Rawhide Whip

547 - Rawhide Whip

548 - Bow and 11 Arrows (Eskimo)

549 - Rawhide Whip

550 Winch Handle

551 - Winch Crank

552 -

553 - Harpoon Head

554 - Old Cartridge (Boer War 1901)

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556 - Piece of Board from Old Ft. Edmonton

599 - Sample of First Wheat shipped via
Hudson Bay

600 - Buffalo Knife

601 - Very Old Iron Axe Head - found in the
North supposed to used in Franklin
Expidition (don by Jas "Chas" Ross)

602 ♂ Bone Fish Hooks (don by Mrs Scaman)

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604) - Buffalo HooHoofs

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606 - Glass Jar

607 - Group of First Mayor and Council

608 - Birch Berry Basket or tray

609 - Very Old Hide

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242 - Bitter Bark Bearer
243 - Rambutan Wind
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(paxim) 245 - Bow and II. Photo - 245
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251 - Windy Creek
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253 - Hairy Head
(paxim) 254 - Old Sculpture (Door War 1907)
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A Tale of The Airly Days

Oh! tell me a tale of the airy days—
Of the times as they used to be;
“Piller of Fi-er” and “Shakespeare’s Plays”
Is a’most too deep for me!
I want plane facts, and I want plane words,
Of the good old-fashioned ways,
When speech run free as the songs of birds
“Way back in the airy days.”

Tell me a tale of the timber-lands—
Of the old-time pioneers;
Somepin’ a pore man understands
With his feelin’s ’s well as ears.
Tell of the old log house—about
The loft, and the puncheon flore—
The old fi-er-place, with the crane swung out,
And the latch-string through the door.

Tell of the things jest as they was—
They don’t need no excuse!—
Don’t tetch ’em up like the poets does,
Tel they’re all too fine fer use!—
Say they was ’leven in the fambily—
Two beds, and the chist, below,
And the trundle-beds that each helt three,
And the clock and the old bureau.

Then blow the horn at the old back-door
Tel the echoes all halloo,
And the childern gethers home onc’t more,
Jest as they ust to do:
Blow fer Pap tel he hears and comes,
With Tomps and Elias, too,
A-marchin’ home, with fife and drums
And the old Red White and Blue!

Blow and blow tel the sound draps low
As the moan of the whipperwill,
And wake up Mother, and Ruth and Jo,
All sleepin’ at Bethel Hill:
Blow and call tel the faces all
Shine out in the back-log’s blaze,
And the shadders dance on the old hewed wall
As they did in the airy days.

—James Whitcomb Riley